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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicant encloses a Form PTO-1449 and makes of record the documents listed thereon. Copies of references AA, AB and AD to AP are enclosed. A copy of the International Search Report issued in the corresponding PCT International Application on September 25, 2001, and a copy of a German Search Report issued on November 2, 2001 in the corresponding German Priority Application are also enclosed. A copy of reference AC was transmitted to the USPTO by the International Searching Authority in the International processing of this PCT Application.
- 2) This statement is being filed concurrently with the above identified new PCT National Phase Application.
- 3) References AA, AB and AP are in English. References AG, AI, AJ, and AL to AO are accompanied by English Abstracts. Reference AH corresponds to AB, and AK corresponds to AA, from which the

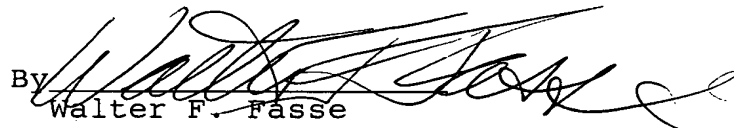
relevance can respectively be determined in English. Thus, these references require no further discussion.

- 4) References AD to AN were categorized in relevance category A, and references AO and AP were categorized in relevance category Y by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, namely in the German Search Report in the corresponding German Priority Application. Relevance Category A means "general state of the art, technological background", and relevance category Y means "publications which place the inventiveness in question together with other publications". Reference AC was categorized in Category A in the International Search Report. Thereby, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance has been satisfied (see M.P.E.P. §609).
- 5) Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to the applicants and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 6) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 5, and 8 to 13 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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